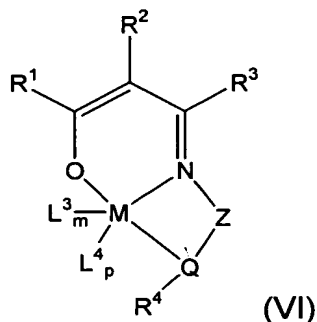


## Listing of Claims

1-11. (canceled)

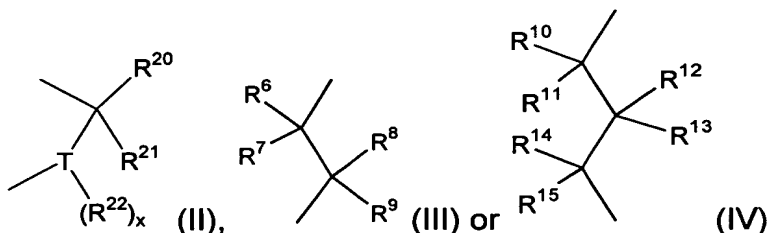
12. (currently amended) A compound of the formula (VI)



wherein:

$R^1$  is hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl,  $R^2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, and  $R^3$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, substituted hydrocarbyl or a functional group, provided that  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  taken together may be ortho-arylene or substituted ortho-arylene, or  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  taken together may form one or more rings;

Z is a bridging group of the formula (II), (III) or (IV)



Q is nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorous or sulfur, provided that when Z is (II), Q is oxygen;

$R^4$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, provided that when Q is oxygen or sulfur  $R^4$  is not present;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, provided that  $R^3$  and  $R^6$  taken together may form a ring;

$R^7$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, provided that  $R^3$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  taken together may form an aromatic ring, or  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  taken together may form a ring;

$R^8$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl;

$R^9$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, provided that  $R^4$  and  $R^9$  taken together may be part of a double bond to an imino nitrogen atom, or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together may form a carbonyl with the carbon to which they are attached, or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together may form a ring, or  $R^4$  and  $R^9$  taken together may form a ring, or  $R^4$ ,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together may form a ring, or  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together may form an aromatic ring;

$R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  are each independently hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, provided that  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  taken together may be ortho-arylene;

$R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are each independently hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, provided that  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  taken together may form a carbonyl with the carbon to which they are attached, or  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$ , and  $R^{15}$  taken together may form an o-arylene group, or  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$ , and  $R^{15}$  taken together may form a fused aromatic ring system, or  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  taken together may form a ring;

$R^{20}$  and  $R^{21}$  are each independently hydrogen, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, or  $R^{20}$  and  $R^{21}$  taken together may form a ring;

each  $R^{22}$  is individually hydrocarbyl, oxygen or alkoxy, provided that when  $R^{22}$  is oxygen, two of  $R^{22}$  are taken together to form  $T=O$ ;

$n$  is an integer of 1 or more;

$T$  is phosphorous or sulfur whose oxidation state is 3 or greater;

$x$  is equal to the oxidation state of  $T$  minus 2;

$M$  is  $Ti$ ,  $Zr$ ,  $Hf$ ,  $V$ ,  $Mn$  or  $Cr$ ;

$m$  is an integer equal to the valence of  $M$  minus 2; and

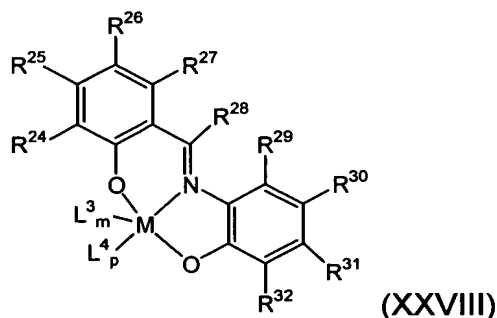
$p$  is 0 or 1; and

each  $L^3$  is independently a monodentate monoanionic ligand, and  $L^4$  is a monodentate neutral ligand or an empty coordination site, provided that an  $L^3$  and  $L^4$  taken together may be a monoanionic bidentate ligand.

13. (currently amended) The compound as recited in claim 12, wherein  $M$  is ~~selected from the group consisting of  $Zr$  and  $Ti$ .~~

14. (original) The compound as recited in claim 12, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> taken together are o-arylene, Z is a group of the formula (III), Q is oxygen, and R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> taken together form an aromatic ring.

15. (original) The compound as recited in claim 12, wherein (VI) has the formula



wherein R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup>, R<sup>29</sup>, R<sup>30</sup>, R<sup>31</sup> and R<sup>32</sup> are each independently hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, substituted hydrocarbyl or a functional group, and R<sup>28</sup> is hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, or substituted hydrocarbyl, provided that any two of R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup>, R<sup>29</sup>, R<sup>30</sup>, R<sup>31</sup> and R<sup>32</sup> vicinal to one another may be taken together to form a ring, and that R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> may be taken together to form a ring, or R<sup>28</sup> and R<sup>29</sup> may be taken together to form a ring.

16-20. (canceled)